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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: New Electronic Communications Channel

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. This morning the Office of Communications officially opened a new communications channel [] by the exchange of the attached messages (Inc 1 and Inc 2). A full duplex (2-way) radio circuit with automatic relay [] has been leased []. The circuit terminates in the "L" Building Signal Center and utilizes the [] cryptographic equipment which is capable of automatic encryption and decryption at a speed of 100 words per minute.

3. As additional [] equipments become available the circuit will be extended to tributary stations from the radio relay station [].

4. Prior to the opening of this channel of communications, cable traffic was routed via the State Department Communications Center in Washington which introduced a delay averaging nearly an hour. The new circuit reduces the transmission time materially.

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Director of Communications

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